St Michael & All Angels C.E. (Foundation) Primary & Pre-School

23rd October 2026

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As we approach the half-term break, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils, staff and families for what has been another busy and rewarding few weeks at St. Michael and All Angels. It has been wonderful to see our children embracing every opportunity to learn, grow and contribute to our school community with enthusiasm and kindness.

This month, we have marked Black History Month by exploring the work of influential Black artists whose talent and creativity have helped shape the music we enjoy today. It has been wonderful to hear the children's thoughtful reflections and see their enthusiasm as they discovered new artists and musical styles. Through these experiences, we continue to celebrate diversity, encourage curiosity and help our children develop an appreciation for the contributions that people from all backgrounds have made to our world.

We have also enjoyed celebrating Harvest, a special time to give thanks for all we have and to think about those who may need our support. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our Harvest collection. Your kindness will make a real difference to those in our local community and demonstrates the compassion and generosity that are at the heart of our Christian values.

As half term approaches, I hope that you are able to enjoy some well deserved time together as a family. Whether you are spending time with loved ones, enjoying autumn walks or simply taking a moment to rest and recharge, I hope this break provides an opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved this half term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the holiday for another exciting half term filled with learning, enrichment and new opportunities!

Mrs Berry – Headteacher

Celebrating Black History Month Through Music

This year for Black History Month, we have been celebrating the contributions of black artists whose creativity and talent have shaped the music we enjoy today. Each day, we listened to a song by an influential artist from around the world, exploring lyrics, discussing their meanings and reflecting on the impact of the music.

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed experiencing a wide range of musical styles and artists, and they shared many thoughtful responses during our discussions. At the end of each session, children voted for their favorite song, making it a fun and engaging way to learn about the rich cultural heritage and lasting influence of Black musicians across the world.



Pupils Reflections

"Stormzy is so inspirational, to use his wealth to help others from the same background as him is amazing"

After listening to 'something so strong' by Labi Siffre, year 5 felt upset that times were so hard for some people just based on the colour of someone's skin. The message was so hopeful and showed how you don't need to feel defeated you just have to keep carrying on.

"Stevie Wonder he's a really good singer and it's incredible that he can play instruments really good while being blind"

"I like the song ABC, it sounds like a happy song!"

"I liked the song because it rhymed"

Year 3 liked 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. They said they liked how it made them calm and happy and they liked the message it gave.

Bill Withers – "I'm impressed by his single vocal note for 18 seconds"

Harvest Collection

This year, we have chosen to support the local charity **Focus4Hope.** This wonderful organization provides vital support to families in Brighouse and the surrounding areas, including the provision of emergency food parcels for those facing difficult circumstances.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to this cause. Your generosity and kindness will make a real difference to local families in need. We are incredibly grateful for all donations received and for the compassion our school community continues to show in supporting others. Together, we are helping to bring hope and practical support to those who need it the most.





FOCUS 4HOPE





We were delighted to welcome Rev. Chris and Rev, Foluso to our worship this week. They helped us to reflect on the meaning of harvest and lead us in prayers of being thankful for all we have.

Dates for your diary - upcoming events after half term!





Bonfire Night Themed Lunch Thursday 5th November – whole school

National Roast Dinner Day Wednesday 11th November – whole school



Individual school Photographs Wednesday 11th November



Lunch On Us Thursday 17th November – selected Year 3 and Year 4 pupils



Book Fair Week Monday 23rd November



Pupil Consultations Wednesday 25th November – whole school



PTFA Christmas Wrap Friday 11th December

Christmas Carols in Church Monday 14th December – Year 2 and Year 5



Nativity Play Tuesday 15th December – Reception & Year 1



Christmas Dinner Day Wednesday 16th December – whole school

Pre-school Festive Stay & Play Wednesday 16th December



Family Singalong Thursday 17th December – Year 3, 4 and 6



Christmas Jumper Day Friday 18th December – whole school

More events may be added, so please subscribe to our school calendar for any new dates and exciting opportunities!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break and sharing these exciting events together!

Knitted Angels for Our Community

It may only be October, but it's never too early to mention Christmas!

Last year, our knitted angels brought so much joy as they were distributed throughout our local community, helping to spread God's love, kindness and hope during the festive season. We would love to continue this wonderful tradition and are once again asking for the support of our school community.

Over the half-term break, why not try knitting or crocheting a Christmas angel? Whether you are an experienced knitter or just starting out, every angel made will help us share a little piece of Christmas with others. We have wool available from the school office for anyone who would like some and we will be sending home the angel pattern to help you get started.

If your child can please bring their handmade knitted angel into school on Tuesday 3rd November. We look forward to celebrating their creations in our worship assembly, after which the angels will be displayed around school before being shared with friends and neighbours in our community as a symbol of God's love and care this Christmas. Angels We will continue to collect knitted angels after this date, and donations are warmly welcomed throughout Autumn 2. The more angels we receive, the more people we can reach with messages of God's love, hope and kindness this Christmas.



Join us in prayer

Dear God,

During Black History Month, we give thanks for the influential Black artists whose music has inspired, encouraged and brought joy to so many generations. Help us to appreciate the creativity, courage and determination they showed in sharing their talents with others, Through their songs and stories, teach us to celebrate diversity, value every person's unique gifts, and recognise the ways we can learn from one another.

We thank you for the opportunity to support those in need through our work with local charities and community projects. As we reflect on the season of **Harvest**, we give thanks for the food, resources and blessings we often enjoy and we remember those who may be facing difficult times. We pray especially for those families who rely on emergency food parcels and for all those receiving support within our local community. Bless everyone who gives their time, resources and kindness to help others, and inspire us to be generous, caring and ready to serve our neighbours with love.

As we approach the half-term break, we thank you for all that has been achieved this half term, Grant our pupils, families and staff a time of rest, refreshment and joy. Keep everyone safe, help us to enjoy time with those we love, and bring us back together ready to lean, grown and continue sharing your love in our community.

Amen.